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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
021840-328US

First named inventor: Stuart V. Holsten

Application No.: 10/063,797

Art Unit: 1744

Filed: May 14, 2002

Examiner: Terrence R. TILL

Title: DETACHABLE ACCESSORY HOLDER

Attention: Office of Petitions
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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
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- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
- ☒ is enclosed herewith. 07/20/2006 TBESHAH1 00000020 121322 1006379

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 01 FC:1453 1500.00 DA

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☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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July 17, 2006
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Application Number

10/063,797

Filing Date

May 14, 2002

First Named Inventor

HOLSTEN, Stuart V.

Art Unit

1744

Examiner Name

TILL, Terrence R.

Attorney Docket Number

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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



Amendment/Reply



After Final



Affidavits/declaration(s)



Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



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Petition to Convert to a
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Proprietary Information



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-Itemized Return Postcard

-Statement of Unintentional Delay

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2006

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 1,500.00

Complete if Known

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Examiner Name	TILL, Terrence R.
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): _____

☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 12-1322 Deposit Account Name: Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee

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FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
- 20 or HP = _____	x _____	= _____		Fee (\$)
				Fee Paid (\$)

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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP = _____	x _____	= _____	

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

 Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Petition for Revival of an Application abandoned unintentionally **\$1500.00**

SUBMITTED BY

Signature	<u>Monte R. Rhodes</u>	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	54,396	Telephone (713) 226-1326
Name (Print/Type)	MONTE R. RHODES			Date <u>07/17/2006</u>

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STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY

The following is a showing of the cause of unintentional delay in the filing of a response to the June 18, 2004 Office Action for U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: **10/063,797**, entitled "Detachable Accessory Holder".


On June 18, 2004, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a first office action for Patent Application Serial No. 10/063,797 (hereinafter "the application"), which was received by the attorneys then of record, Howrey Simon Arnold & White (hereinafter "Howrey") on June 22, 2004, and entered into their docketing system. One month after the office action, more than 1,200 patent prosecution files, including this file, were transferred from Howrey to the present firm, Locke Liddell & Sapp (hereinafter "Locke"). Because of the large influx of files, Locke hired additional staff to assist with the file intake. In entering and docketing these files from the transfer into the Locke system, the docketing personnel apparently did not follow established Locke procedures in proper docketing, and an entry noting that a response was due was not generated. A Response to the June 18, 2006 Office Action was therefore unintentionally not filed. When the Notice of Abandonment was mailed by the PTO to Locke on December 28, 2004, it was docketed as received by Locke in January of 2005. Contrary to the standard procedures, the notice was not investigated and, without further investigation, the docketing personnel noted the abandonment, placed the notice in the file, and shipped the file to offsite storage. These docketing issues have since been rectified.

During a recent audit of this client's prosecution files, it became apparent this file had been abandoned. The file was diligently retrieved from offsite storage and inspected further. It was discovered that the abandonment was unintentional as a result of errors in following the docketing procedures and filing protocols and caused by the unintentional lack of filing the

Response to the Office Action. Further, these procedures and protocols have been supplemented with additional safeguards.

With this discovery, we promptly drafted the attached response to the outstanding Office Action, and prepared the accompanying Petition to Revive Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b).

Therefore, and in light of the above details of the cause of the unintentional abandonment, we respectfully petition for the revival of this application, and allow prosecution to be resumed.



Signature

Name: Monte R. Rhodes
Title: Patent Agent
Date: July 17, 2006